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Hi Paula,

I'm a DC-based reporter covering the Colorado mine spill. I just had a question about the contractor EPA was using to plug southern Colorado mines. What contractor was being used to plug the mines? Please let me know ASAP. Thanks!

Best,

Mike

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